Thank you to those listed in the bulletin who participated in today’s service. We also thank:

Advent Display: Ken Guerin
Hands of Display: Pastor Erin, Anna-Lee Thompson, Alyssa Guerin, Ella Butcher, and Tracy Woodfield
Coordinators for Online Worship: Clara Lee and Jim Sharrard
Dance Movement Choir Video: Acc: S. E. Hays and J. Dixon, Featuring Dance Movement Choir and very young "Guest Artists"
Videographer: Nic Odell

Reminders:

Christmas Eve Service Livestream Only at this service. No In-Person Worship. Visit https://www.trinityspringfield.org/worship/online-worship/ for more information.

Christmas is Not Your Birthday (CNYB)
For more information about CNYB visit https://www.trinityspringfield.org/ministries/mission-justice/. To donate online, click here.

12 Days of Boar’s Head Starts January 1
Visit https://www.trinityspringfield.org/boars-head-2021/twelve-days-of-boars-head/
For a new video each day.

Got prayer requests?
If you have a joy, concern, or prayer request you would like to add to our virtual prayer tree, email prayers@trinityspringfield.org. Those prayer requests will be added to the hidden prayer tree page on Trinity’s website. For access, see the Thursday Thoughts email newsletter. Let us keep one another in prayer at this time.

Trinity’s Holiday Hours
Trinity Church will be closed December 25 through January 2. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor René at the parsonage: 413-733-1567.
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christmas Eve On-Line Service ~ December 24, 2020 8:30 p.m.
行政部门的备选方案

Prelude: “Angels We Have Heard on High”
Rev. Erin Newcomb-Moore, violin and Janet Dixon-Metcalf, flute

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: “Do You Hear What I Hear”
Hannah and Leah Rosenman

Opening Prayer:

Carol: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

The Light Breaks Through the Darkness
Scripture: John 1:1-14, Reader: Leah Rosenman
Musical Response: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Veni Emmanuel
Borys Bakum, vocal & guitar

The Light as A Proclamation of Hope
Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25, Reader: Hannah Rosenman
Musical Response: “What Child Is This” L. Larson
Sonja Funk, soprano

The Light Turns Darkness to Hope
Scripture: Isaiah 9: 2-4, 6, 7 Reader: Rev. Erin Newcomb-Moore
Musical Response: “Candlelight Carol” J. Rutter
Dance Movement Choir Video

Celebrating The Light
Liturgy for Celebrating the Christ Candle Words & Music by G. Elderkin/J. Raney

Meditation: “God’s Amazing Hope.”

Offertory Prayer: “Christmas Is Not Your Birthday” Offering

Closing Response: “O Holy Night” A. Adams
Sonja Funk, soprano

Benediction

Postlude: “Silent Night, Holy Night”
Chad Thompson, piano
O. Gjeilo

Opening Prayer: (The United Church of Canada. Lessons and Carols 2016)

God of star and stable, you lead us to wonder and to hope. You gather us together to hear your promise of love. Like the shepherds who sought the stable, we seek your promise of peace. We pray for your people broken by violence, those who live with fear, and those who live without hope. Like the wise ones who dedicated their gifts, we remember those in need. We pray for those who are lonely, hungry, or forgotten; for those who are ill in body and in spirit; for those who are confused or afraid. We pray for your joy and love, for all your people. Holy One, you came as a child, offering renewal of spirit and of living. May our prayers be a new beginning: for healing, truth, and trust. May we embody love that is forgiving, compassionate, and gracious. We pray these things in the name of Jesus who became the Christ. Amen.

Liturgy for Lighting the Advent Candles:
(A Gospel Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony, Hope Publishing)

Words of Introduction
Musical Introduction
“Jesus, the Light of the World”
Responsive Litany
Advent is a time to celebrate
Joy to the world, the Lord is come! We celebrate that joy that is in Christ Jesus.
Joy to the world, the Lord is come! We proclaim a victory that is stronger than any defeat.
Joy to the world, the Lord is come! We proclaim a peace that is stronger than any conflict.
Joy to the world, the Lord is come! We proclaim a freedom that is stronger than any bondage.

Candle Lighting
Tonight we light all of the candles and as we light the last candle – the Christ Candle – we are reminded that we are to celebrate the message of Christmas by proclaiming what Christ has done, we celebrate the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Musical Response

Closing Prayer
God in heaven, we thank you for guiding us through our Advent journey. Through waiting, watching, preparing, and praising, we are now ready to celebrate. Help us receive the glory of Christmas as we rejoice in the fact that you have come to us through the gift of Christ, the Redeemer and Savior of the world. Amen.

Musical Response: “Joy to the World”